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National Water Policy
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the objectives of National Water Policy of 2002 have been achieved;

(b) if so, the main achievements thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to increase the allocation and release of funds during the current plan period for achieving the objectives as mentioned in the draft of National Water Policy, 2012; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

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(a) to (d) The National Water Policy (NWP), 2012 was adopted by the National Water Resources Council at its meeting held on 28th December, 2012 and circulated to all State Governments/Union Territories and the concerned Central Ministries for appropriate action. The main objective of the NWP is to take cognizance of the existing situation in water sector, to propose a framework for creation of a system of laws and institutions and a plan of action with a unified national perspective in planning, management and use of water resources.

Water being a State subject, several measures for conservation, management and distribution of water resources (which includes objectives of NWP) are undertaken by the State Governments. Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments through various schemes/programmes.

Government of India has launched Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) to extend coverage of irrigation 'Har Khet ko Pani' and improving water use efficiency 'More crop per drop' in a focused manner with end to end solutions on source creation, distribution, management, field application and extension activities at an estimated cost of Rs. 77,595 crore for 99 priority Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) projects in a mission mode, to create an irrigation potential of 7.6 million ha.

Central Government has approved the National Hydrology Project (NHP) as a Central Sector Scheme on 06.04.2016 with a total outlay of Rs. 3679.77 crore to help in gathering Hydro-meteorological data for setting up of a system for timely and reliable water resources data acquisition, storage, collation and management and also to provide tools/system for informed decision making in water sector. Central Government has also launched National Water Mission with the objective of 'conservation of water, minimizing wastage and ensuring its more equitable distribution both across and within States through integrated water resources development and management'.

Provision has also been made for preparation of aquifer management plan for the country under Ground Water Management and Regulation scheme at an outlay of Rs. 3,539 crore in 12th Plan period. Similarly, for augmentation of water availability through ground water recharge and other means at an outlay of Rs. 6,000 crore under National Ground Water Management Improvement scheme has been made.

Some other important schemes/programmes being sponsored by Central Government and their outlay for 12th Plan period are Scheme for Repair, Renovation & Restoration (RRR) of Water-bodies (Rs. 6,235 crore), Command Area Development and Watershed Management (CAD&WM) Programme (Rs. 15,000 crore), Flood Management Programme (FMP) (Rs. 10,000 crore), Development of Water Resources Information System (DWRIS) (Rs. 2,247 crore), etc.

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